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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

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I, Michael S. Neustel, (41,221) hereby apply to withdraw as attorney for the above-identified patent application. This application for withdrawal will not prejudice the Applicant in this matter. Attorney has given due notice to the Applicant of his withdrawal and has delivered to the Applicant all papers/property in the Attorney's file concerning the prosecution of the application.

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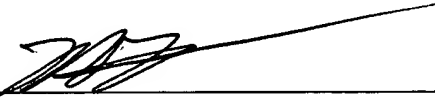
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